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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1 replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 7 remain in this application. Claim 7 has been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 8 and 9 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

The drawings have been objected to.

Submitted herewith is applicant's proposed amendment of the drawing. Specifically, in Figure 1 of the drawings as originally filed, a lead line reference number 14 now points to the base member as stated in the Description of the Preferred Embodiment.

In light of the proposed drawing amendment, it is therefore submitted that the objection to the drawings as originally filed has been overcome, and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lam.

Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires "wherein a first one of said pair of extension assemblies is adjustable on said pair of arm members independently of a second one of said pair of extension assemblies".

It is submitted that the Lam patent would not lead one of ordinary skill in the art to the applicant's claimed invention as defined in claim 1 especially with the requirements set forth above, and therefore it is

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submitted that claims 1 and 7 are allowable over the prior art. The Lam patent discusses a hanger apparatus in which each of the arms must be moved in concert with, and to a corresponding degree with respect to, the other arm. Further, claims 2 through 6, which depend from claim 1, also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection of claims 1 through 6 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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